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SUBJ: AIR EUROPE FLIES AGAIN?

REF: LUXEMBOURG 0326

1. LUXEMBOURG PRESS JUNE 13 REPORTS THAT HERMAN PESSIS, PRESIDENT OF AIR EUROPE INTERNATIONAL, ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS OBTAINED CAB AUTHORIZATION FOR OVERFLIGHTS OF THE US AND THAT HE WILL COMMENCE OPERATIONS BETWEEN TIJUANA AND LUXEMBOURG IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. ECON OFFICER CHECKED WITH PIERRE HAMER, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, WHO REPEATED (SEE REFTEL) THAT, AS FAR AS HE KNEW, THE ISSUE WAS DEAD AND THAT PESSIS HAD WRITTEN MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION MART CITING AIR EUROPE'S PROBLEMS AND RENOUNCING HIS PERMIT FOR LANDING RIGHTS IN LUXEMBOURG.

3. GUY KONSBRUCK, PESSIS' LUXEMBOURG REPRESENTATIVE, TOLD ECON OFFICER THAT HE HAD CABLED PESSIS ASKING FOR A VERIFICATION OF HIS INTENTIONS. KONSBRUCK DID NOT BELIEVE THAT PESSIS' LETTER TO MART SPECIFICALLY

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RENOUNCED HIS TWO-YEAR PERMIT AND THAT AIR EUROPE

WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO FLY TO LUXEMBOURG.

4. COMMENT: BECAUSE OF HAMER'S KNOWN OPPOSITION TO AIR EUROPE, WE HAVE FOUND THAT PESSIS AND COMPANY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN BYPASSING HIM AND GOING DIRECTLY TO MINISTER MART. IT IS LIKELY THAT MART WILL CONTINUE TO STAND BY THE TWO-YEAR PERMIT GRANTED TO AIR EUROPE LAST YEAR AND THAT AIR EUROPE, IF IT CAN GET OFF THE GROUND IN TIJUANA, WILL BE ABLE TO LAND IN LUXEMBOURG.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: VERIFICATION AND CONTENT OF CAB RULING ON OVERFLIGHTS AND STATUS OF AIR EUROPE OPERATING PERMIT FROM MEXICAN CIVIL AIR AUTHORITIES.
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